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19 September 1944

Rear Admiral R. E. Schuirmann,
Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department, Room 3076,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Schuirmann:

Pursuant to approved agreement of service members JIC
for coordination of intelligence on the Japanese Air Force, MID has made
arrangements for the exploitation of all captured Japanese documents
pertinent to Japanese aviation.

Document centralization has been initiated by a directive
to appropriate Army theater commanders, a copy of which is inclosed for
your information. It is requested that you initiate necessary action
at the earliest moment to expedite similar transmission to MID of all
Japanese documents pertaining to all aspects of Japanese aviation that are
captured by the Navy.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.

1 Incl.:
Copy of Ltr to CG, USAF, POA,
from TAG dated 14 Sep 44.

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Dear Admiral Schuirmann:

As recommended in paragraph 13, Tab B, of the approved agreement of the service members JIC for the coordination of intelligence on the Japanese Air Force, MID has formulated plans to insure the best overall exploitation of all captured Japanese documents. These plans provide for the centralization in MID of all captured Japanese documents except those pertaining to the Japanese floating naval forces.

The approved agreement is interpreted to cover only those Japanese documents pertaining to Japanese aviation (Army and Navy). Intelligence in captured documents pertaining to Japanese aviation is often interwoven with ground, naval and other types of intelligence in such a manner that it is difficult, if not impossible, to segregate captured documents accordingly. So far as is known, no service agency has been charged with the primary responsibility for the exploitation of captured Japanese documents other than those pertaining to Japanese aviation.

Arrangements have been made to centralize all Japanese documents captured in Army theaters in the MID. Those pertaining to Japanese aviation will be exploited in accordance with the approved agreement on the subject. Likewise, those documents pertaining to

Japanese ground forces will be exploited by MID. Documents containing purely naval intelligence will be transmitted directly to the ONI in the original form for such disposition as is desirable.

It would greatly facilitate the operations of the research group^{MID} concentrating on the exploitation of captured documents pertaining to the Japanese ground forces if it could receive all captured Japanese documents pertinent thereto which are taken by the Navy as well as those received from Army theaters. This includes documents containing intelligence pertinent to Order of Battle, fortifications, terrain, weapons and equipment, uniforms and insignia, manpower, organization, tactics and strategy, and logistics and administration of the Japanese ground forces. The results of this research will be made available to the ONI.

If you are in agreement with the proposal that MID be responsible for the exploitation of captured documents pertaining to Japanese air and ground forces and that ONI be responsible for the exploitation of those pertaining to Japanese floating naval forces, it would be very much appreciated if you would initiate necessary action to transmit to MID all captured documents pertaining to Japanese ground forces in addition to those for air as previously requested.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL,
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Dear Admiral Schuirmann:

In furtherance of our general agreement for ^{joint} Army and Navy participation in MID's section at Camp Ritchie for the exploitation of captured Japanese documents, the following specific arrangements are deemed necessary:

1. Document Collection and Transmission. Navy ^{of} theaters ^{to} will forward all ^{Navy} captured Japanese documents to MID Washington by the quickest practicable means ^{upon fulfillment of} after theater requirements have been fulfilled. A copy of a directive ^{issued to} providing for similar action by Army theaters is inclosed for your information.

2. Navy Personnel. Eventual personnel requirements for the exploitation of Japanese documents will be based on the volume of raw material received together with results obtained. Since proper determination of these facts will require several months of operational experience, it is planned to initiate the undertaking with minimum personnel.

The Navy ^{to} ~~will~~ ^{initially} provide 25 Japanese language specialists of whom five should possess general naval intelligence qualifications. ^{An additional five of the above} and five should have naval air intelligence qualifications. ^{to} A part of ~~this group will~~ assist in the exploitation of documents pertaining to ^{Air Force} the Japanese aviation as already mutually agreed.

MID has provided 18 officers and 38 enlisted men and the A. C. of S., Intelligence, will be requested to provide five officers and 17 enlisted men ^{document} ^{section} for the exploitation activity.

The extent of British air participation pursuant to approved agreement remains undetermined at this time as does also British Army participation.

3. ^{Reports} ~~Credit~~ All reports issued by the section will bear a heading, ^{to be} ~~as~~ mutually agreed, ^{providing} ~~to provide~~ appropriate ^{service} credit.

Please confirm the above arrangements at your earliest ^{and indicate when they will be completed} convenience in order to expedite full implementation of the activity.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL,
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